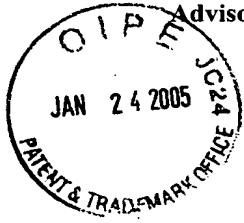


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Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Final Rejection dated September 2, 2004 and Advisory Action dated November 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.